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**From:** Calli, Rosemary [Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 11/2/2018 8:12:36 PM  
**To:** Hurl, Kathy [Hurl.Kathy@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-ups on two Florida documents

Okay, thanks, Kathy. Passed that along to Tom.

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**From:** Hurl, Kathy  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 3:54 PM  
**To:** Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>; Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-ups on two Florida documents

And best I can figure out Dave Ross's direction, green light from OW.  
FYI – I've been told Dave R. said I'm to work with Simma on issues/language and then once staff have resolved issues/crafted language and David F has signed off all good on the waterfront (pun intended). – unless there is a really big issue.

I say this knowing my directive could change in the next 30 seconds!

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**From:** Kupchan, Simma  
**Sent:** Friday, November 02, 2018 3:44 PM  
**To:** Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Hurl, Kathy <Hurl.Kathy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Follow-ups on two Florida documents

Looks good to me! David confirmed green light. Thanks. Should we call Matt to confirm?

Simma

On Nov 2, 2018, at 3:26 PM, Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov> wrote:

Okay, I think this cleaned-up copy represents where we stand on all of these comments. The one thing that struck me is that it should probably say

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

I'm giving Tom a heads-up that we may be ready to elevate to the RA soon, but he'll need to know if David's last message constitutes a green light from OGC. I expect we'll take a similar path where Trey ultimately reaches out to David Ross to check on OW's perspective unless you are running this up your chain, Kathy.

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**From:** Kupchan, Simma  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 3:07 PM  
**To:** Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Hurl, Kathy <Hurl.Kathy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Follow-ups on two Florida documents

This should work! We lost the and/or, but I think it's ok. Are we good?

Simma

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Fotouhi, David" <[Fotouhi.David@epa.gov](mailto:Fotouhi.David@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** November 2, 2018 at 1:18:07 PM EDT  
**To:** "Kupchan, Simma" <[Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov](mailto:Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Neugeboren, Steven" <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>, "Wehling, Carrie" <[Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov](mailto:Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-ups on two Florida documents

Got it. What about:

**Ex. 5 AC/DP**

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**From:** Kupchan, Simma  
**Sent:** Friday, November 2, 2018 10:57 AM  
**To:** Fotouhi, David <[Fotouhi.David@epa.gov](mailto:Fotouhi.David@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Wehling, Carrie <[Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov](mailto:Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-ups on two Florida documents

David,

**Ex. 5 AC/DP**

Thanks again for your attention,

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**From:** Fotouhi, David  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 1, 2018 5:16 PM  
**To:** Kupchan, Simma <[Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov](mailto:Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Wehling, Carrie <[Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov](mailto:Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-ups on two Florida documents

## Ex. 5 AC/DP

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**From:** Kupchan, Simma  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 1, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** Fotouhi, David <[Fotouhi.David@epa.gov](mailto:Fotouhi.David@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Wehling, Carrie <[Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov](mailto:Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Follow-ups on two Florida documents

David,

Thank you very much for your input on the proposed changes to FL's rules. R4 will incorporate all of your proposed edits, but just wanted to propose one alternative edit to the "material permit modification" paragraph, in response to a question you raised. Please see below.

**Stakeholder-proposed language:**

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

David asked:

# **Ex. 5 AC/DP**

New proposed language:

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Could you please let us know if you are comfortable with R4's revised proposed approach, or if you have concerns about it? Thank you very much for your continued attention to this matter.

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**From:** Fotouhi, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 7:30 PM  
**To:** Palmer, Leif <Palmer.Leif@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Glenn, Trey <Glenn.Trey@epa.gov>; Walker, Mary <walker.mary@epa.gov>;  
Ashbee, Blake <ashbee.blake@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>;  
Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>; Hicks, Matt  
<Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Neugeboren, Steven <Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov>;  
Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>; McGill, Thomas  
<Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov>; Zapata, Cesar <Zapata.Cesar@epa.gov>; Wade, Alexis  
<Wade.Alexis@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: proposed responses to FDEP's assumption questions

My comments and suggestions are tracked in the attached document. Please let me know if you would like to discuss.

Best,

David

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**From:** Palmer, Leif  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 7:02 PM  
**To:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC)  
<Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Glenn, Trey <Glenn.Trey@epa.gov>; Walker, Mary <walker.mary@epa.gov>;  
Ashbee, Blake <ashbee.blake@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>;  
Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>; Hicks, Matt  
<Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Neugeboren, Steven <Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov>;  
Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>; McGill, Thomas  
<Mcgill.Thomas@epa.gov>; Zapata, Cesar <Zapata.Cesar@epa.gov>; Wade, Alexis  
<Wade.Alexis@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: proposed responses to FDEP's assumption questions  
**Importance:** High

Matt & David – as mentioned on today's OGC call we've worked out responses to FDEP's latest questions. Trey asked me to forward this to you for your thoughts.

Matt Hicks' email below provides context.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (cell)

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**From:** Hicks, Matt

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 5:51 PM

**To:** Palmer, Leif <[Palmer.Leif@epa.gov](mailto:Palmer.Leif@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Ghosh, Mita <[Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov](mailto:Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: proposed responses to FDEP's assumption questions

**Importance:** High

Leif,

Here's EPA's proposed response to the two recent questions we received from DEP on Friday. These proposed responses were generated by the Region 4 team (Tom McGill level) after consulting with Simma (both issues) and Alexis (mitigation issue only) at OGC. DEP is waiting to hear from us before moving forward with their rulemaking so time is of the essence. More internal discussion is needed on the issue of incorporating retained waters list into EPA's Federal Register notice approving the state's program but that issue is not as time critical as the two below.

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Please call me if you'd like to discuss further.

Thanks,

Matt

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**From:** McGill, Thomas

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 23, 2018 5:10 PM

**To:** Zapata, Cesar <Zapata.Cesar@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Calli, Rosemary <Calli.Rosemary@epa.gov>; Purify, Johnnie <Purify.Johnnie@epa.gov>; Hicks, Matt <Hicks.Matthew@epa.gov>; Ghosh, Mita <Ghosh.Mita@epa.gov>; Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>; Hurlid, Kathy <Hurlid.Kathy@epa.gov>; Allenbach, Becky <Altenbach.Bekky@epa.gov>; Nagrani, Kavita <Nagrani.Kavita@epa.gov>; Laycock, Kelly <Laycock.Kelly@epa.gov>; Parker, Christopher <Parker.Christopher@epa.gov>

**Subject:** proposed responses to FDEP's assumption questions

**Importance:** High

Cesar,

As a follow-up to our conversation yesterday, FDEP would appreciate EPA's quick feedback on questions they asked during calls held with some of EPA's assumption team members on Oct 19 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. You'll recall that I forwarded you an email from Matt Hicks on Oct 19 regarding their basic questions, and we received additional clarification with FDEP staff in a call held on Oct 22. We understand that FDEP is awaiting EPA's feedback prior to proceeding with their Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and that FDEP would prefer EPA's feedback through a conversation instead of in writing.

Attached is a document drafted by the EPA Assumption Team that includes: (1) FDEP's questions (highlighted in blue text); (2) proposed EPA responses (highlighted in yellow text); and (3) other information to provide background/context for FDEP's questions and/or the proposed responses. We would appreciate feedback from the RA and the senior leaders at OGC/OW as quickly as they can provide it before responding to FDEP.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please let us know.

Thanks.

Tom

<Responses to FDEP questions asked Oct 19-22.docx>